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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to MBTA billboards in the city of Quincy..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John F. Keenan	☐ *[District]* ☐
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1036) of John F. Keenan and Tackey Chan and for legislation relative to MBTA billboards in the city of Quincy [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *2065* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to MBTA billboards in the city of Quincy..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority or its successors, including but not limited to the Division of Public Transit in the Massachusetts Surface Transportation Authority shall be prohibited from constructing, erecting, placing and/or maintaining any off premises sign(s) which is a sign that advertises or announces a use conducted or goods provided that are available elsewhere than within the building and/or structure and/or the lot on which the sign(s) is located within the City of Quincy that is:

In a predominantly residential neighborhood;

Not in harmony with or suitable for the surrounding area or would do significant damage to the visual environment;

Within three-hundred feet (300’) of a public park, playground, cemetery, forest, reservation and/or any other scenic or recreational area, walking path/trail, historic or conservation area, regardless of ownership, which is available for public use or reserved for the public, if within view of the same at any time of the year; and

Not in conformity and not in compliance with the local zoning ordinances and regulations of the City of Quincy.

17 SECTION 2. No such off-premises sign(s) shall be constructed, erected, placed and/or
18 maintained with the purpose of circumventing the intent of this Home Rule Petition.

19 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon passage.